## 77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2014 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Veterans' Services and Emergency Preparedness

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

**Action:** Do Pass **Vote:** 7 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Boone, Esquivel, Fagan, Huffman, Parrish, Witt, Matthews

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/6, 2/11

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires certain entities report to appropriate legislative committees by October 1, 2014, on application of military training or experience toward obtaining licensure, certification, or other authorization to engage in profession. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**MEASURE: HB 4057** 

CARRIER: Rep. Whisnant

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Ability of entities to track information
- Reporting for some entities requires highly individualized case-by-case approach, not amenable to uniform tracking/reporting
- Department of Public Safety Standards and Training's history of voluntarily crediting equivalent military training and experience
- Data will enable appropriate legislative oversight and illuminate areas for improvement

## **EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2012 the legislature passed House Bill 4063, to require certain professional licensing entities to accept an applicant's substantially-similar military training or experience in lieu of the education or experience required to be licensed. This measure was followed by House Bill 2037 in 2013, to similarly expedite the issuance of licensing or certification to work, to servicemembers' spouses and domestic partners. House Bill 4057 requires the regulatory and licensing entities impacted by the previous measures, to report to the legislature by October 1, 2014.